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Field Worker's name Loudolphus D. Maybae.

This report made on (date) March 21, 1938. 1938

1. Name George Smith.

2. Post Office Address Rose, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) \_\_\_\_\_

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

5. Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

6. Name of Father \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name of Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Other information about mother \_\_\_\_\_

Notes or complete narrative by the field worker dealing with the life and story of the person interviewed. Refer to Manual for suggested subjects and questions. Continue on blank sheets if necessary and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets attached 2.

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Loudolphus D. Maybee.  
Investigator;  
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An Interview with George Smith.  
Rose, Oklahoma.

I am a fullblood Cherokee and I was born at Rose, March 11, 1866.

My parents came from North Carolina to Texas in 1832. In 1833 trouble began and in 1839 they came afoot to Cherokee Nation. They came to Saline district, settled near Rose, and farmed about one acre.

Food.

My parents made their own meal and ground it by hand. They gathered hickory nuts, and for meat, killed deer.

Court.

The Indians had court at Saline Courthouse. Anyone convicted of murder was hanged by driving under the limb of a tree in a hack and tying them with a rope around the neck to the limb and then driving out from under them leaving them hanging. Anyone convicted of any other crime was whipped at Whipping Tree by the Sheriff. I have one of the Constitutions of the Cherokee Nation written in Cherokee, the laws of which are simple and easy

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to understand.

Villages.

The closest towns to us were Bloomfield, Tahlequah and Fort Gibson.

Schools.

I went to school at Tahlequah and the greatest sport among the boys at school was shooting corn stalks with bows and arrows.

Spinning Wheel.

I have a spinning wheel brought by my parents from North Carolina and used by them to make the cloth for their clothing.